

LINDELL CHOCOLATE SHOP
Calumet Avenue & Fourth Street
Lake Linden
Houghton County
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Location: Northwest corner of Calumet Avenue and Fourth Street, Lake Linden, Michigan.

Present Owner: Angelo Gekas and Bea Gekas have owned the chocolate shop since the 1940s. However, it was "Grammas and Pallis" who put the candy shop in the building. Their names are carved into the front stoop, a mark serving today as a reminder of their role in the shop's creation. Grammas and Panopallis owned the shop for fifteen years, from 1925 to 1940. Before the candy shop was built, the space was owned by the Bosch family; they ran it as a co-op store with a motor company (?) upstairs. Brend[en?] Sons Co. out of Green Bay, Wisconsin, did the interiors of the Lindell Chocolate Shop.

The present owner's father, Charles Gekas, hailed from Sparta, Greece; he originally owned a shop called the Calumet Candy Kitchen. In his store, only candy was served – no foodstuff. Gekas's business was considerably larger than the Calumet Candy Kitchen for he and his five brothers ran seven stores altogether: two each in Calumet, Houghton, and Hancock, plus this one in Lake Linden. Gekas taught his brothers and his son Angelo the candy business and all the candy they made was produced locally, in Calumet.¹

Chain of title: The chain of title for the Lindell Chocolate Shop follows. Note: The plot is legally known as Lot 1 of Block 4 of the Village of Torch Lake City. Lots in this block measure 50' x 100'. The short dimension is along Calumet Avenue, the main street of the town. The plat for the town is located in L 14, p. 200 of Deeds; while the conveyances are to abstracted in book 3 (NS) of Abstracts, both volumes are in the Houghton County Court House, Registry of Deeds.

1876, 25 April	Vol. 17, p. 361
	Lydia R. Douglass et al, Executor
EXECUTORS DEED	- to -
	Paull Kerredge & Co.
	for \$300

¹ Personal communication, Angelo Gekas, to authors, August 15, 1975. (Note: Text of this section compiled from authors' notes of interview).

1878, 16 January	Vol. 17, p. 386
QUIT CLAIM	William Kerredge et al - to - Josiah Paull and wife
1878, 5 December	Vol. 19, p. 22
WARRANTY DEED	Josiah Paull and wife - to - William Penberthy
1878, 4 March	Vol. 19, p. 109
WARRANTY DEED	William Penberthy & Wife - to - William J. Light et al for \$750 (Lots 1, 2 & 4)
1879, 16 September	L 19, p. 308 of Deeds
WARRANTY DEED	William J. Light and Harriet, his wife; and Edwin Henwood and Maria, his wife - to - Dominick W. Sutter for \$500 property includes the parcel in question
1886, 27 February	L 24, p. 314 of Deeds
WARRANTY DEED	Dominick W. Butter and Jennie I., his wife - to - Nicholas Reading (sic) and Joseph Bosch, copartners under the firm name and style of N. Reading (sic) and Company. for \$8400 property includes the parcel in question
1892, 16 May	L 33, p. 113 of Deeds
QUITCLAIM DEED	Nicholas Reading and Adelaide R., his wife - to - Joseph Bosch for \$7500 property includes the parcel in question

1893, 26 October

L 35, p. 31 of Deeds

WARRANTY DEED	Joseph G. Bosch and Catherine B., his wife - to - Poull Mercantile Company for \$1.00 property includes the parcel in question
1902, 18 March	Vol. 64, p. 280 of Deeds Poull Mercantile Company, J. Bosch, President
WARRANTY DEED	- to - Lake Linden Cooperative Society for \$15,200.00 property includes the parcel in question
1916, 22 March	L 98, p. 625 of Deeds Lake Linden Cooperative Society
WARRANTY DEED	- to - First National Bank of Lake Linden for \$1.00 (\$15.00 tax stamp = c \$13,600.00) property includes the parcel in question
1928, 1 August	Vol. 116, p. 33 J. Bosch, President, First National Bank of Lake Linden
WARRANTY DEED	- to - Louis Grammas and James Panopallis for \$1.00 with mortgage to bank for \$5000
1934, 29 September	Vol. 104, p. 542 of Deeds Edward F. LeGendre, administrator of the estate of Louis Grammatiskakis (alais, Louis Grammas, deceased)
DEED	- to - James Panapallis for \$1000 property includes the parcel in question
1937, 26 February	L 124, p. 518 of Deeds James Panopallis, a single man
WARRANTY DEED	- to - Peter Alex for \$8700 (tax stamp \$9) property includes the parcel in question.
1946, 7 December	L 143 p 519 of Deeds

WARRANTY DEED

Peter Alex, a single man

- to -

Angelo Gekas, a single man, who receives an undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ share; and John C. and Olympia Gekas, husband and wife, who receive and undivide $\frac{1}{2}$ share

for \$1.00 (tax stamp \$2.20 - \$2,000)

property includes the parcel in question.

with mortgages to Superior National Bank for \$6600 & \$3400

Historian:

Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, 1975.